GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RENOVATION OF HISTORIC FORTS IN BANDRA MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has provided any financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for the renovation of some historic forts in Bandra (Vandr

(e) and Worli regions of Mumbai city as well as Bassein (Vasai) Fort in Thane District;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of these Forts is in the list of Heritage list of UNESCO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b)Bassein Fort at Vasai is a centrally protected monument and conservation of Gonsalo Garcia Church inside the fort has been taken up by the Archaeological Survey of India from its budget.A provision of Rs.11.00 lakhs has been made during the current financial year.Forts in Bandra and Worli regions are not centrally protected.Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned Rs.7.28 crores as financial assistance to Government of Maharashtra of which Rs.582.75 lakhs have been released for undertaking conservation and development of Forts in umbai. Government of Maharashtra has identified forts at Bandra, Worli, Shivdi and Ghod Bandar under this scheme which includes conservation, beautification,landscaping and providing basic amenities to visitors.Works at Bandra and Worli forts are in progress.

(c)&(d)None of these forts are inscribed on the World Heritage list of UNESCO.